

Cross, Alfred H

May 1915

May 12th, 1915

A. F. Cross, Esq.,
1100 Ridge Avenue,
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Professor Arons has told me about your exceedingly generous offer to provide a motor ambulance for the University Overseas Hospital. We are deeply grateful for your offer, but the Hospital already has been provided from private sources with four ambulances, which are all that they require. Lt.-Colonel Roberts, who is in command of the Hospital, tells us that they would find a Ford automobile of great value and that there may be a great deal of running about, and it could be used on many different occasions. If there is any other definite object to which you would like your gift instead of to this motor ambulance, I shall be glad to communicate your offer to the Committee. The Hospital leaves on Friday morning for the front. It is going well equipped, and we anticipate that it will do good service. It is particularly gratifying to have an offer like yours coming from an old graduate.

Yours sincerely,

President.

1100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois

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President

University of Toronto
Dear Sir.

In answer to
your letter of May 12th, I
beg to state that I am not
at all committed to an Am-
bulance.

Not being able to go myself,
I would like to be identified in
some way with the effort the
University is making.

There may be something more

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personal that I may be
able to do for the comfort of
the men. I will be glad to
have a suggestion.

It is perhaps needless
to tell you that all good
Americans are willing to
devote their lives and
fortunes to the prevention for
all time of another such
horror as the sinking of the
Lusitania.

Hoping to hear from you
at an early date I am
yours very sincerely
Alfred H. Gros

May 18th, 1915

Mr. A. B. Cross,
1100 Ridge Avenue,
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cross:

I am glad to get your letter. The generosity of our graduates is most encouraging. The last gift came to us on Saturday, and is one of \$40,000 for the maintenance of the Hospital to the end of the war.

I spoke to Colonel Roberts before he took his Hospital away, and he thought that a car that might be used by patients when they were recovering would be a very excellent addition to the Hospital. I do not know whether there is any one definitely planned for that purpose, but I should think that a good ordinary car would serve. They are now on their way, having left on Saturday morning.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

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The President

University of Toronto

Dear Sir

your letter of May 18

duly received. Kindly send me the
address of the hospital or person to
whom the car should be sent & I will send
on a Ford car at once. There is an
agency in New York near the dock where
these cars are created & shipped abroad. On
receipt of word from you I will get it off at once.
Hoping it will be useful I am
yours very sincerely
Alfred H. Gross

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467, JARVIS STREET,
TORONTO.

May 24, 1915

My dear Falconer:

I have written Mr. Cross a friendly letter in reply to this of his, saying that I assure you are in touch with him as to the form his benefaction may take. If there is anything I can do, of course I am at your service, but it is best that suggestions should be made directly through you.

Yours sincerely

George M. Wrong

President Falconer.

1100 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, Illinois

5/19/15

My dear Wrou.

yours duly received -
I am in receipt of a letter from the
President which I am answering
today. He says that Ambulance
have been provided - that a Ford
could be used - & asks if there is any
other definite object to which I would
make a contribution instead of to a
motor ambulance. In this I am
most willing to be guided by any
suggestion from the President. I hope
that I can be of assistance in
some other way.

The Russia horror has
crystallized the thought of the whole
civilized world against Germany -
Also the report of the Bryce Com-
mission carries absolute conviction
of its truth everywhere. I mail you two
issues of the Boston Transcript - Read
the weekly report of the war on one of the
rear pages of the 1st part of the paper. It is
the best I get.

Sincerely yours
Alfred H. Brown

May 20th, 1915

Alfred H. Gross, Esq.,
1100 Ridge Avenue,
Evanston, Ill.

My dear Mr. Gross:

We are sending material for the Hospital after this through the Canadian Militia Department. I think that the simplest plan for you would be to get a Canadian Agency of the Ford Company to send the car marked for the University of Toronto Pasteur Hospital care of Dr. C. K. Clarke, Toronto General Hospital. He is the Dean of the Medical Faculty, and is taking charge of the transmission of all articles for our Hospital. With many thanks for your offer.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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467, JARVIS STREET,
TORONTO.

May 28, 1915

My dear Falconer:

This note from Gross seems to indicate that he is furnishing a Ford automobile after all. I am just off to Suelph and will ask my secretary to sign this and send it to you. Probably you had better communicate directly with Gross, if you have not done so already.

Yours sincerely

George M. Wrong
per Mr.

President Falconer.

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CHICAGO, ILL., May 25, 1915.

Prof. G. M. Wrong,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Wrong:-

I wrote the President for the address to which to send the Ford automobile which I proposed giving to the University hospital, but have not yet heard from him.

In the meantime I looked up the question of freight, and find that the freight on a Ford automobile from New York to France is \$200. and that the duty on a Ford automobile into France is \$150. The automobile itself in New York, crated ready to send, costs \$490. net, which takes into account the \$50. reduction which is being made to all Ford owners on August 1st.

It occurs to me that your committee might have some way of forwarding this automobile without duty and for less freight charges than the above. If so, will you please have them purchase the Ford and send it, and draw on me at once for the amount necessary to pay all charges? I notice that the second contingent has just gotten off and am very sorry that we were not in time to send the automobile with them. In drawing on me use the above business address.

The reason I asked the president for the address to which to send the automobile is the fact that Fords sell here for some \$100. less than they do in Canada, and I thought it would be very expeditious to send it from the Ford agency in New York, which is right at the dock and within easy reach of steamships. The duty and freight, however, make me think it may be better to send it by way of Canada and through your committee.

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The conversation on the suburban train coming in yesterday was to the effect that "the news this morning is good", which refers to Italy coming into the war. If we get Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece to join within the next few weeks it will be much better and more to my liking. I am really amused at the Germans calling Italy 'perfidious'. It seems to me that Italy knows the value of the scraps of paper it has with Germany. We are awfully sorry here about Russia's set-back, and think it will tend to prolong the war.

All business here has slowed down markedly since the Lusitania incident. The president of the Northwestern Railroad Co. told me last Saturday that he has noticed it distinctly with respect to the railroad business. We have a large number out of employment.

Trusting that the war will go ahead successfully from this time on, and with kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Alfred H. Gross

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CHICAGO, ILL., May 29, 1915.

The President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 26th duly received this morning.

I am having a Ford car marked for the University of Toronto Base Hospital, and sent to Dr. C. K. Clarke, Toronto General Hospital. I am having this car also marked 'The Whitby', which is my home town, and it will give me a great deal of pleasure to think of this car doing what it can at the hospital for our fellows. Sentiment here is rising very fast against Germany.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

May 31st, 1915

A. H. Cross, Esq.,

Room 713,

108 South La Salle Street,

Chicago.

Dear Mr. Cross:

I am very glad to know that you are having the Ford Car sent to Dr. Clarke, and I think it most appropriate for you to name it as you are doing. I am sure it will be of excellent service.

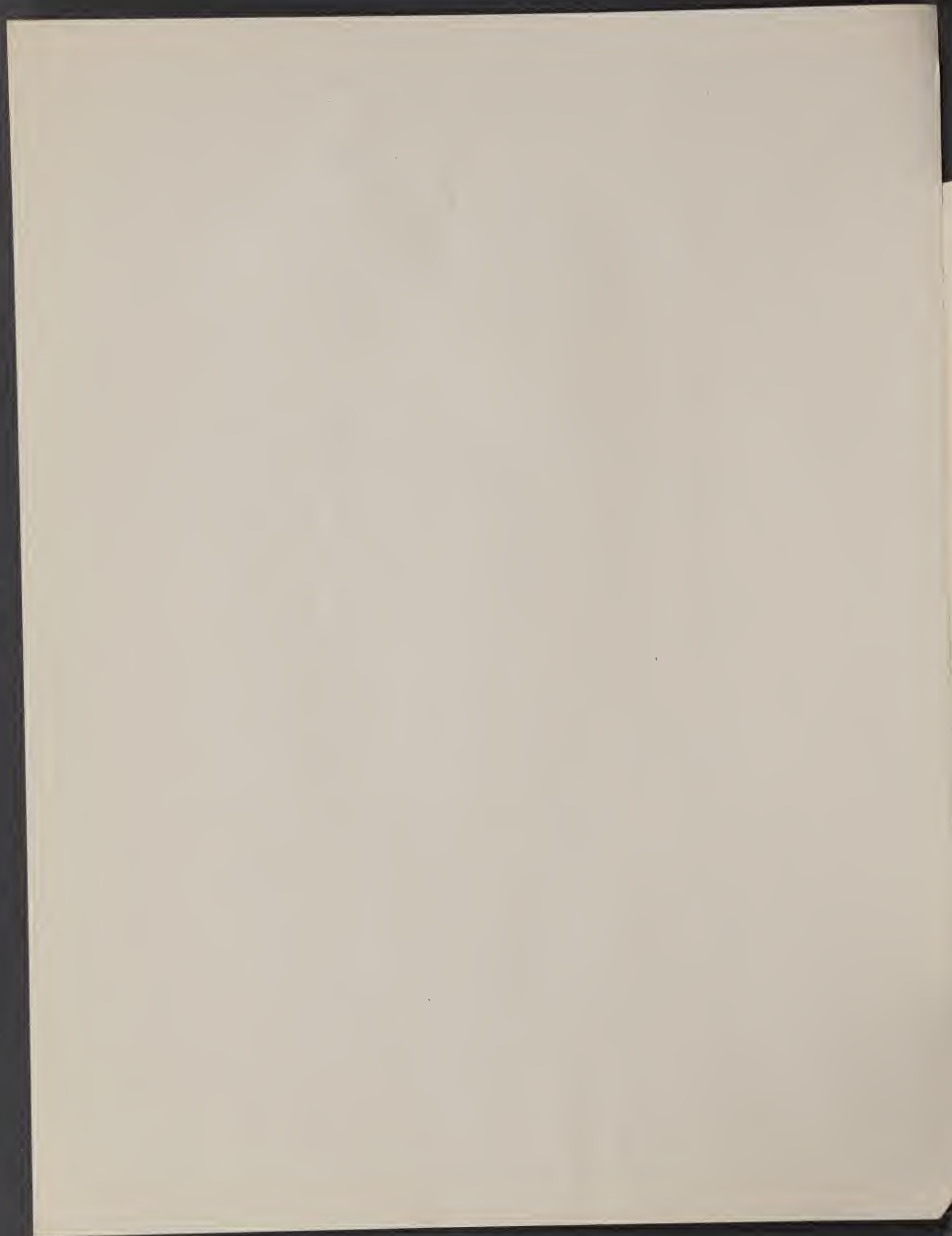
The demand for Hospitals is so great that the Ontario Government is now on the point of sending one. Surely with all the world uniting against Germany the war cannot last very long; at least we hope so.

I have this morning read the answer of the German Foreign Secretary to President Wilson's letter. It seems to me to be most unsatisfactory. However, it is not proper for us in Canada to suggest what the United States should do in the circumstances.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



The Board of Governors of the University of Toronto ~~and~~ take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to all those who have contributed in any way to equip the No 4 Canadian Base Hospital (University of Toronto) ~~and~~ which ~~has~~ ^{now} been sent to the front.

The response made by all classes ^{from} the city and province ^{from the City of Toronto & the Province of Ontario} has been most gratifying. ~~but~~ Special mention must be made of the Committee chosen from the Governors, Senate & Medical Staff who secured funds for the purchase of instruments, apparatus & laboratory equipment, of the Committee of Ladies of the University & many others who were associated with them, for their indefatigable labours in providing beds, linen, surgical

dressings & invalids' journals: of the
Red Cross Society for their cooperation
in the distribution of food & other
helps

They also thank those who have ~~given~~
contributed in large & small amounts
to the extent of some \$60,000, and
in particular they make special
mention of the splendid gift of Mr.
F.C. Hardy of \$60,000 for the
maintenance of the hospital during
the war, ^{also} of four motor ambulances,
purchased by Col. Wm. A. C. Hardy
of the 1st New York Cavalry, & a Ford motor
car, given by friends in Toronto & in the United States.
They also

It is ~~not~~ however not the amount of
money contributed and the labors expended
that are made there for, merely, but also
as also the widespread enthusiasm evoked & the
spirit in which so many have sought to serve
the country, showing in this enterprise.